

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following amended paragraphs, insertions are shown by underlining and deletions are shown either through strike-through or double brackets.

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

[0050] Figure 1 illustrates an overview of the preferred embodiment of the Power Management Architecture (“architecture”) 100, which contains one or more IED's 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109. The IED's 102-109 are connected to an electrical power distribution system 101, or portion thereof, to measure, monitor and control quality, distribution and consumption of electric power from the system 101, or portion thereof. The power distribution system is typically owned by either a utility/supplier or consumer of electric power however some components may be owned and/or leased from third parties. The IED's 102-109 are further interconnected with each other and back end servers 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 via a network 110 to implement a Power Management Application (“application”) 211-~~(not shown)~~. In the preferred embodiment, the network 110 is the Internet. Alternatively, the network 110 can be a private or public intranet, an extranet or combinations thereof, or any network utilizing the Transport Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (“TCP/IP”) network protocol suite to enable communications, including IP tunneling protocols such as those which allow virtual private networks coupling multiple intranets or extranets together via the Internet. The network 110 may also include portions or sub-networks which use wireless technology to enable communications, such as RF, cellular or Bluetooth technologies. The network 110 preferably supports application protocols such as telnet, FTP, POP3, SMTP, NNTP, Mime, HTTP, SMTP, SNNP, IMAP, proprietary protocols or other network application protocols as are known in the art as well as transport protocols SLIP, PPP, TCP/IP and other transport protocols known in the art.